



Foreign Agricultural Service

**GAIN Report**

Global Agriculture Information Network

Voluntary Report - public distribution

Date: 12/4/2002

GAIN Report #NL2060

## **The Netherlands**

### **Grain and Feed**

### **Update of the Grain Sector**

**2002**

Approved by:

**Phil Letarte**

**U.S. Embassy, The Hague**

Prepared by:

Bob Flach / Morgan Perkins

---

**Report Highlights: The BENELUX is expected to import about 800,000 MT of wheat from Russia and the Ukraine. Feed wheat will replace the use of corn, barley and non grain feed ingredients.**

---

Includes PSD changes: Yes  
Includes Trade Matrix: No  
Unscheduled Report  
The Hague [NL1], NL

**Grain Consumption**

Due to lower prices, feed wheat consumption is expected to rise. Increased EU production and imports from the Black Sea region, have pressured prices of feed wheat. The increased use of feed wheat will be reflected in lower imports of non grain feed ingredients. In 2002/2003, EU corn gluten feed imports are expected to decline from 350,000 to about 325,000 MT per month. This is partly due to lower available supplies for export from the U.S. During 2002, EU tapioca imports declined from 215,000 MT per month to about 125,000 MT per month. Tapioca imports could recover in 2003 due to increased production in Thailand. Currently, tapioca is almost absent in Dutch poultry feed. In 2001/2002, a part of the non feed grain ingredients were replaced by corn and barley. This year, the use of corn and barley for feed is expected to decline due to their high prices compared to feed wheat. In The Netherlands, feed wheat consumption is expected to rise only moderately because of lower compound feed production, from 14.5 million MT in 2001 to 13.2 million MT in 2002. In addition, the wheat content in feed has reportedly reached the maximum percentage.

**Grain Trade**

As a result of competitive prices, a large quantity of wheat is being imported from Russia and the Ukraine. Most of this wheat is imported from the Black Sea region and a part via the Baltic Sea. A total of 800,000 MT will be imported by the BENELUX, 600,000 via Gent (Belgium) and 200,000 via Antwerp (Belgium) and Rotterdam (The Netherlands). Of this volume, 200,000 MT has already been imported during the past two months. A part of the shipments will be transshipped via Gent to The Netherlands. If tariff quotas are installed for Russian and Ukrainian exports, Dutch trade sources expect that these will quickly be fully utilized by Southern European countries.

PSD Table			
Country	The Netherlands		
Commodity Wheat			
	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Market Year Begin</b>	<b>07/2000</b>	<b>07/2001</b>	<b>07/2002</b>
Area Harvested	136	123	136
Beginning Stocks	100	59	52
Production	1,143	991	1,111
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	4,303	3,781	3,600
Jul-Jun Imports non EU	122	70	250
Jul-Jun Import U.S.	37	8	10
TOTAL SUPPLY	5,546	4,831	4,763
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	757	604	800
Jul-Jun Exports non EU	443	469	650
Feed Dom. Consumption	1,625	1,450	1,500
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	4,730	4,175	3,950
Ending Stocks	59	52	13
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	5,546	4,831	4,763